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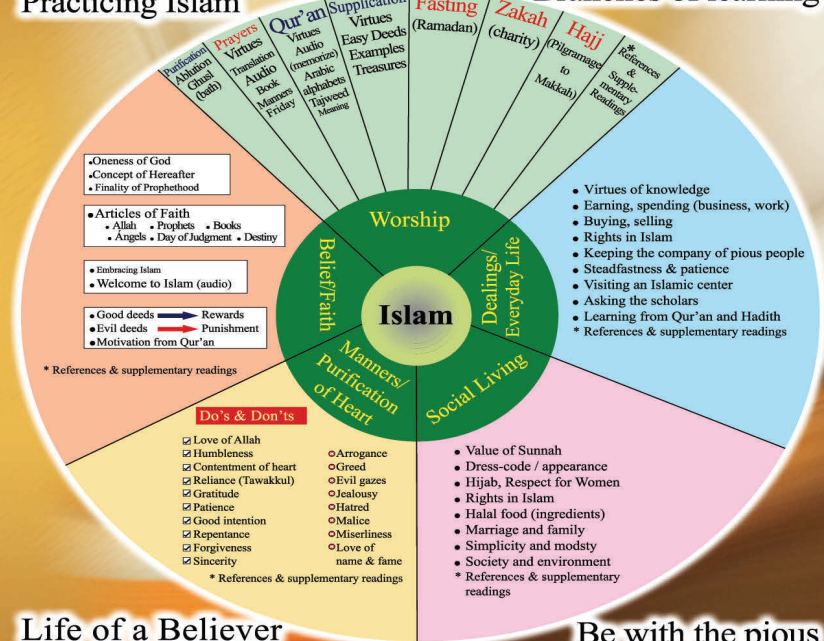
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## Purpose of Life

“And if the people of those towns had believed and had the Taqwa (piety), certainly, We should have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth.” [Qur’an 7:96]

What is the purpose of my life? How can I make the best out of it? What happens after death and how to prepare for the after life? From the smallest particles to the big stars and vast galaxies, every thing is running smoothly according to a perfect plan. The universe didn’t come into being by an accident and doesn’t run on its own. Common sense dictates that there must be a **Creator** behind this great scheme, and there is, (God Almighty, Allah), Who controls everything. How things in the cosmos can run so smoothly for millions of years without a supreme Operator to manage and regulate them?

**Allah** (the supreme Creator) is All Mighty, All Wise, All Powerful and Most Beneficent and Merciful. Whatever has happened in the past, whatever is happening now and whatever is going to happen in future – that is all in the complete control of Allah alone. He is One, worthy of all worship and He has no partners. Time and space belong to Him and the past, present and future is all in His supreme knowledge and control.

Allah Almighty is showering countless **blessings** upon us everyday. His universe and whatever is in there is in constant service to mankind providing him water and food and every thing which is necessary for his survival. So many organs from head to toe are ceaselessly functioning within the human body, and each is indispensable and can’t be replaced. Every heartbeat, every single breath and every eye-blink demands us that we should thank Him, though we cannot thank Him enough for His blessings.

The remembrance of the Creator is the very soul of the universe. The purpose of religion is to correct our relationship with our Creator and with the rest of His creation. Islam is the only religion, which truly establishes this relationship. Its simple guidelines are applicable in every walk and every aspect of life; be it belief, worship, individual, collective life and life’s physical, emotional, mental and spiritual aspects.

Allah Almighty sent **prophets** as guides to teach people the purpose of life and how to lead it. The prophets as role-models for mankind ideally demonstrated how to lead life. They taught how to achieve success in this temporary life and the eternal life of the Hereafter. **Muhammad** (Peace be upon him, ) was the final messenger who was sent as a mercy to the entire mankind. He was a reformer, orator, commander, philosopher, statesman, administrator, and a revolutionary leader. The movement which he started to reform mankind goes on and will go on till the end of this world. His miraculous achievements as a leader have been acknowledged by historians and men of letters by Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Even his worst enemies attested to his honesty, and integrity.

The **Holy Qur’an** is a complete code of life and a living miracle across space and time. Hundreds of thousands of people, including small children, have memorized this book from cover to cover. Not a single word or letter in the Qur’an has been changed in the last 14 centuries! The Holy Qur’an mentions facts regarding the creation of the universe, birth of human being, formation of clouds, movement of sun and moon in orbits and other scientific facts which were not known to mankind at the time of its revelation. This proves that it is a direct word of God Almighty Who not only has complete and total knowledge, but is the very source of knowledge.

This life is a **one-time opportunity** to achieve everlasting happiness in the **Hereafter**. Every moment has a great potential if positively used to raise status and rank in the sight of our Creator. Strong faith and good deeds bring peace and comfort in this life, in the grave and in the Hereafter.

This world is but a station, not the destination. It is a place where we are sent to be **tested**. It is not a place to become lost in its wonders and temptations and be inactive, lazy or lethargic. "So did you think that We created you for nothing, and that you will not be brought back to us?" [23:115]

Every action we do and every word we speak is being **recorded**. For complete success in this world and in the Hereafter, man needs to **reform** and change his life. He should quit the pursuit of desires and temptations and pursue the life of submission and obedience.

**Paradise** is a reality – with rivers of milk and honey, palaces of gold and silver, delicious food and fruits, beautiful companions, always happy, always young, always healthy—a great kingdom for

Ever and ever for an unending enjoyment and bliss. Compete with each other to strengthen faith and excel in good deeds and hasten to seize every fleeting moment and turn into gold by a productive activity; sow seeds today to reap a rich harvest tomorrow and rush at the available opportunity before it is lost for good.

**Convert time into gold.** Today is the day of action, rush to do good deeds. Repentance and asking forgiveness could clean up mistakes of the **past**. Good intentions lead us to a golden **future**. Even ordinary daily acts like eating and sleeping can become acts of worship if done the way told by Allah and His beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him,). This is how every single act may bring us closer to our Creator. What a great bargain to earn unimaginable and countless rewards in the everlasting life of the Hereafter.

Imagine a believer who always **remembers** and seeks help from his Creator, praises Allah by his tongue, in his heart, expresses gratitude for His bounties, is patient in hardships. He **supplicates** in all earnestness and always has good **intentions**. He follows the ways of the beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him, ) in his outward appearance and in his manners, **conduct** and **etiquette**. He is getting rewards at every step.

**Worshipping** our Creator, **acquiring knowledge** to become an ideal believer, **serving humanity**, making efforts in helping fellow human beings to be loved by Allah should be our mission. Deeds done with a pure heart, sincere intentions, with humility, love and care fulfills the mission of life.

Islam teaches **universal brotherhood** as indicated and expressed in our daily prayers and our pilgrimage to Makkah. "O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into races and tribes, that you may identify one another. Surely, the noblest of you, in Allah's sight is the one who is most pious of you. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware." [Qur'an 49:13]

Islam's mission is to **serve humanity**. Islam teaches us to help the needy without any discrimination of color, creed, race, nationality or religion. "The entire humanity is Allah's family, and Allah loves him most from among His family, who benefits the family most". [Mishkawt]

Islam gives a **second chance** to every human being to bring his life back on track, find the way to salvation and to prepare for

Paradise. Embracing Islam washes away previous sins. Repentance is the way to protect from punishment in the life of the Hereafter.

The human heart has **hidden treasures** of matchless jewels. If found and applied, ordinary people on the street can become **means of guidance** to their communities, fountains of light, flag-bearers of justice and mercy, making the world a cradle of learning and illuminating the universe with divine knowledge.

## What is Said in the Muslim Prayer?

(English Translation)

Allah is the Greatest!

Praise and glory be to You, O Allah.  
Blessed be Your Name, exalted be Your Majesty and Glory.  
There is no god but You.

I seek Allah's shelter from Satan, the condemned.

In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe,  
the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful!  
Master of the Day for Judgment!  
You alone do we worship and You alone do we call on for help.  
Guide us along the Straight Path,  
The path of those whom You have favored,  
Not the path of those who earned Your anger, nor of those who  
went astray. Amen.

(Recitation of an additional Chapter of the Holy Qur'an)

Glorified is my Lord, the Great.

Allah listens to those who praise Him.

Our Lord, praise be for You only.

Glorified is my Lord, the Exalted.

O my Lord, forgive me and have Mercy on me.

All our oral, physical and monetary ways of worship are only for  
Allah. Peace, mercy and blessing of Allah be on you, O Prophet.

May peace be upon us and on the devout servants of Allah.  
I testify that there is no god but Allah and I testify that Muhammad  
is His servant and messenger.

O Allah, send Your mercy on Muhammad and his posterity as you  
sent Your mercy on Abraham and his posterity. You are the Most  
Praised, the Most Glorious.

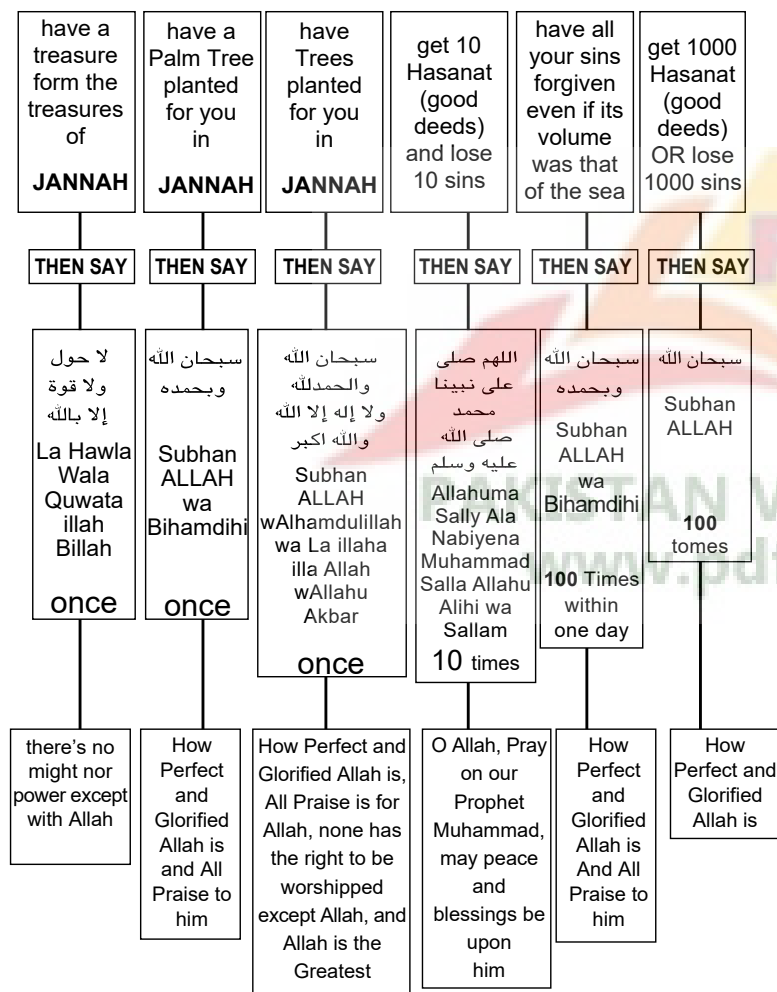
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Our Lord, grant us the good in this world and that of the Hereafter  
and save us from the torture of Hell.

Peace and Mercy of Allah be on you. Peace and Mercy of Allah  
be on you.

## Remember your Lord

### IF YOU WANT TO



## Why do Muslims say Allah?

"Allah" is the word Almighty God uses to describe Himself in the Quran, the Holy Scripture for Muslims. Allah is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the only one who is to be worshipped.

### What do Muslims believe about Allah?

The belief of the deity of Islam is pure, pristine and simple monotheism. Allah is the only God worthy to be worshipped. Islam offers the monotheistic concept of Almighty God to be absolute, perfect, without any deficiencies, without any partners and without comparing Allah to anything that he has created.

Islam teaches Muslims to have unwavering faith in the belief, in exactly what Allah has described Himself in the Qur'an and whatever His Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has described Allah to be, no more and no less.

Muslims must believe totally in all the names, attributes and characteristics of Allah. One cannot believe in some of them and yet disbelieve in others. Also, one cannot accept the names of Allah without their associated attributes. That is, one cannot say Allah is Al-Hye (the Living) and then turn around and say that He is without life. Nor can he says that Allah is Al-Baseer (one who sees everything) and can say that He does not see.

We know that Allah says that He has hands, but we do not imagine them to be compared in any way to the hands of human being. Similarly, we cannot compare the speech of Allah to the speech of humans. His attributes are not like human attributes despite the similarity in terms, labels or descriptions that are used in Islam to refer to Allah.

Let us turn our attention to the **understanding that Muslims hold regarding the nature of Allah:**

Islam teaches that Allah is the ultimate in His names, His attributes and His characteristics. For example, He is the All Merciful, the All Loving, and All Just and so on.

**Allah is one, alone, worthy of all worship. He has no partners or associates and there is none other worthy of worship anywhere in the entire universe.**

**Allah is unique, incomparable; He is the only God, the Creator, the Evolver, and the Sustainer of all that exist, yet He is not created, nor is he sustained.**

**He is Eternal, All Powerful, Absolutely Just, Totally Merciful, All Loving, All Compassionate, All Gracious and All Forgiving.**

Allah created the universe as a **test** for Adam and the children of Adam to see if they would worship Him alone without making partners or if they would deny Him and refuse to worship Him as He has decreed, or attempt to worship something other which He has created.

He sent His messengers to the mankind to warn and guide the mankind to the right way and to the righteous actions. Some of His messengers we called prophets, like Abraham and David and Suleiman, some He sent with books and writings such as Moses and Jesus, the son of Mary (peace be upon them all). Finally He sent Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the last and final Messenger for all of mankind. His book is the Holy Quran. It is the only authentic revealed book remaining in the world today that has been preserved without any change.

**Are there other religions that accept the name "Allah" for their deity?**

The fact is, the Arabic Bible uses the word "Allah" throughout the text.

Islam depends heavily on the word Allah because Islam is the complete submission and obedience to Allah - the name Allah in Islam never refers to Muhammad (peace upon him) nor to anyone or anything else that Allah has created.

**Does Allah mean God?**

In fact, in consideration of what we have just discussed the perfect word to describe the one true God of Monotheism could only be Allah.

In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious and The Most Merciful

## Basics about ISLAM

### Allah, the Creator:

He is Allah, besides him there is no god, the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. He is Allah, besides him there is no god, the King, the Holy, the One Free from all defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory be to Allah! (High is He) above all that they associate as partners with Him. He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of forms. To Him belong the Best Names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. [The Holy Quran, 59: 22-24]

### Need for religion:

- The remembrance of the Creator is the soul of the universe.
- A true religion corrects a person's relationship with the Creator and the rest of the creation.
- A true religion provides a manual of human life and a role-model to achieve success in this world and in the everlasting life Hereafter. (Note: The origin of the Monotheistic religions is the same - belief in one Creator).

### Articles of Faith in Islam:

Belief in Allah (God Almighty), His Angels, His Books, His Prophets, the Day of Judgment, and in fate or destiny, whether good or bad, is from Allah, and in the resurrection after death.

### Sources of Islamic Teachings:

1. The Holy Qur'an: Arabic speech of God, revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him, SAW\*) in words and in meaning, and preserved in written form. Hundreds of thousands of people, including small children and non-Arabs, have memorized this book from cover to cover. Not a single word or letter in the Quran has been changed in last 14 centuries!
2. Actions, sayings, and approvals of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW\*), role-model for every walk of life.

### Prophets in Islam:

Islam teaches us to believe in all the Prophets and Messengers. The Quran is filled with stories of prophets.

- **Adam** (Peace be upon him), the first man/ prophet – God created him without a father or mother.



- **Abraham** (Peace be upon him), who built the house of worship in Mecca. Muslims face the direction of Mecca for all prayers.
- **Moses & Aaron** (Peace Be Upon them) were sent to free their nation from Pharaoh;
- **Mary** (Peace Be Upon her), the most chaste woman ever created;
- **Jesus** (Peace be upon him), Jesus is one of the greatest prophets;
- **Muhammad** (Peace be upon him, SAW\*), the final messenger who was sent as a mercy to the world;

The Quran teaches us that all the messengers taught their people to submit to the Will of God, to worship one God and to prepare for the life in the Hereafter. All these messengers came with the same message.

- **Moses** (Peace be upon him) in Islam:  
The Quran teaches us a great deal of the events related to Moses (peace be upon him).  
The majority of chapters in the Quran have references on the stories of Prophet Moses and his people.
- **Jesus** (Peace be upon him) in Islam:  
The Quran teaches us that:
  - Jesus (peace be upon him) is one of the greatest prophets
  - He performed numerous miracles:
    - He cured the blind with the Will of God.
    - He raised the dead with the Will of God.
    - He cured the leper with the Will of God.

#### **Prophet Mohammad** (peace be upon him, SAW\*):

The Last in the chain of Divine Messengers of God (ALLAH), he gave to mankind the universal message of love and respect for all Divine Messengers. He could not read, write or even sign his name, yet he gave to mankind the most unique gift, the Quran; a complete code of life and a living miracle across all spaces and times.

He was born an orphan, lived a very modest life, never had much worldly means, yet by the power of his character and conduct he changed the face of earth and the history of mankind. He lived such a pure and transparent life that even his harshest critics could not yet find a spot of his character and conduct.

He was the living embodiment of the Final Divine Revelation of God, the Quran.

Say (O Muhammad SAW\*): **"O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allah"** [The Holy Quran, 7:158]

#### **Basic Duties (Five Pillars of Islam):**

1. **Imaan:** To firmly believe in the heart and declare one's faith:  
There is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad (Sallallahu 'Alaihi- Wa Sallam) is the Messenger of Allah.
2. **Salat:** To pray five times a day
3. **Zakat:** Giving charity if financially capable
4. **Saum:** Fasting in the month of Ramadan
5. **Hajj:** Pilgrimage to Makkah once in a lifetime if one is physically able and can afford it

A person who accepts Islam is called a Muslim. It means 'one who surrenders'. A Muslim is required to do all that Allah (God Almighty) and His Messenger (Peace be upon him, SAW\*) have made mandatory, and to keep from doing things which Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him) have forbidden.

#### **Islam as a Way of Life:**

- Muslims believe that humans were created for the purpose of worshipping the Creator (God Almighty)
- A Muslim remembers his Creator (Allah) at every step in his daily life -- while sleeping, waking up, eating, leaving/ entering home, driving -- at every moment whether happy or sad.
- "Worship" for Muslims entails not only prayer and fasting, but every permissible act that we do with the intention to please Allah (God Almighty):
  - Working to provide shelter and food for our family
  - Even a simple smile to someone!

#### **Call to Humanity:**

"O mankind! Worship your Lord (Allah), Who created you and those who were before you so that you may become God-fearing." [2:21]  
 "This is the Book (the Quran), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance for the God-fearing." [2:2]  
 "O mankind! We have created you from a male\* and a female, and made you into races and tribes, that you may identify one another. Surely, the noblest of you, in Allah's sight is the one who is most pious of you. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware." [49:13]

\*We are all decedents of Adam (peace be upon him), who was the creation of God.

### Prophets' mission declared in the Holy Qur'an

Message for Prophet **Adam** (Peace be upon him) [20: 123-126]  
 Message of Prophet **Noah** (Peace be upon him) [71: 10-13]  
 Message of Prophet **Abraham** (Peace be upon him): [26: 78-89]  
 Message of Prophet **Joseph** (Peace be upon him): [12: 39-40]  
 Message of Prophet **Moses** (Peace be upon him): [26: 24-26]  
 Message of Prophet **Jesus** (Peace be upon him): [19:30-36]  
 Message of Prophet **Mohammad** (Peace be upon him): [7:158]

Our goal is educate people to produce better Muslims, law abiding responsible citizens with high morals and characters living peacefully in the society as community members having strong faith, performing good deeds, and have a sense of accountability to Almighty Allah.

\*SAW = Sallallahu 'Alaihi-WaSallam

### GUIDE TO ISLAMIC STUDIES\*

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<p>* Many of the above topics are mentioned in the book “The Ways of the Holy Prophet MUHAMMAD (Uswai Rasool-e-Akram)” Sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam by Dr. Abdul Hai Aarfi. You may contact your Imam, teacher or nearby Islamic center for a list of books which cover these areas of study.</p>																		



## Supplications (Prayers)

I begin in the name of Allah Who is extremely Beneficent, most Merciful

1. O my Sustainer! Make me such that I remember You abundantly, that I am ever grateful to You, that I am ever fearful of You, that I am ever submissive to You, that I am ever obedient to You, that I find solace from You alone, that I turn my attention to You alone, and that I turn to You alone.
2. O my Sustainer! Accept my repentance, wash off my sins, accept my supplication, uphold my proof, make my tongue speak the truth, give guidance to my heart, and remove malice from within my chest.
3. O Allah! Forgive us, have mercy on us, be pleased with us, admit us into Paradise, save us from the fire, and set right all our affairs.
4. O Allah! Create love among our hearts, set right our mutual relations, show us the paths of peace, remove us from darkness and [take us] towards light, keep us away from all shameful deeds, be they external or internal, give us blessings in our ears, our eyes, our hearts, our spouses, our progeny, accept our repentance for surely You alone are the acceptor of repentance, the merciful; make us grateful for Your favors [Upon us], make us praise You for Your favors and complete them upon us.
5. O Allah! I ask You for steadfastness in matters of religion. I ask You for the highest standard of integrity. I ask You for gratitude over Your favors [to me] and excellence in worshipping You. I ask You for an honest tongue, a sound heart and upright character. I ask You for the good which You have knowledge of and I seek Your forgiveness from the sins which You have knowledge of, for surely You alone have knowledge of unseen things.
6. O Allah! Forgive me for all that I did in the beginning and all that I did at the end, all that I did in secrecy and all that I did in the open, and [forgive me] for all that You are more aware of than myself.
7. O Allah! Give us such portion of Your fear whereby it would come as a barrier between us and sinning against You. Give us such a portion of Your obedience whereby You could admit us into Your Paradise Give us such a portion of conviction with which You could make insignificant for us the calamities of this world. Let us enjoy the benefits of our ears, eyes and strength

as long as You keep us alive and continue their goodness after our death. Take revenge from those who oppress us and help us against those who are our enemies. Do not let our religion be cumbersome to us. Do not make the world our main object, nor the extent of our knowledge, nor the limit of our desire. And do not give authority over us to him who would not show mercy to us.

8. O Allah! Give us more [of your bounties] and do not decrease them, give us [abundance] and do not deprive us, keep us elevated and do not elevate others over us, and please us and be pleased with us.
9. O Allah! Inspire my heart with all that is good for me.
10. O Allah protect me from the evil of myself and give me courage in setting right my affairs.
11. I ask Allah for peace in this world and in the hereafter.
12. O Allah! I ask You the ability to do good deeds and to abandon evil deeds. [I ask You] love for the poor and that You forgive me and have mercy on me.  
I ask You for Your love, the love of the person who loves You, and the love of that deed which would draw me closer to Your love.
13. O Allah! Make Your love more beloved to me than myself, my family, and more beloved than cold water [on a hot day].
14. O Allah! Grant me your love and the love of that person whose love will benefit me by you.  
O Allah! Just as you bestowed me with that which I love, make it a source of help to me in fulfilling all that which you love. O Allah! Whatever you kept away from me of the things which I love [but were to my detriment], make them a source of freedom for me so that I may be able to fulfill all that which you love.
15. O the transformer of the hearts! Keep my heart steadfast on your religion.
16. O Allah! I ask you for Emaan which does not change, bounties which do not end, and the company of our prophet Muhammad (SAW\*) in the highest stages of Paradise, i.e. jannatul khuld (the Paradise of eternity).
17. O Allah! I ask You for good health accompanied with Emaan, Emaan accompanied with good character, success which is followed by prosperity and mercy, peace, forgiveness and pleasure from You.
18. O Allah! Let me derive benefit from the knowledge which You bestowed upon me, and bestow such knowledge upon me which would be beneficial to me.
19. O Allah! I ask You for bounties which do not end and coolness

of eyes which does not end. I ask You for submission to Your decree, a pleasurable life after death, the joy of looking at Your countenance, and the desire of meeting You. I seek refuge with You from the harm of harmful things and from a tribulation which causes one to go astray. O Allah! Embellish us with beauty of Emaan and make us guides who are themselves guided.

20. O Allah! I ask You for good -all of it- in the present and in the future that which I know of and that which I do not know of.
21. O Allah! I ask You for all the good Which Your servant and Prophet (\*peace be upon him) had asked for. O Allah! I ask You for Paradise and all that would draw closer to it be it by the word or deed. I ask that all which You have decided for me to my betterment.
22. I ask You that whatever matter You have decided for me, the outcome of it should be good.
23. O Allah! Make the outcome of all our affairs good and protect us from the disgrace of this world and the punishment of the hereafter.
24. O Allah! Safeguard me with Islam while I am sitting. Safeguard me with Islam while I am lying down. Do not give an enemy or an envious person the cause to take malicious pleasure in any mishap which befalls on me. O Allah! I ask You for all the good, the treasures of which are in Your hands. I ask You for all the good which is in Your hands.
25. O Allah! Do not leave any sin of ours without having forgiven it, nor any worry without having removed it, nor any debt without having fulfilled it, nor any needs of this world and the hereafter without having fulfilled them, O the most Merciful of the mercifuls.
26. O Allah! Assist us in Your remembrance, in expressing gratitude to You and in worshipping You in a most beautiful manner. Aameen! (\*SAW: Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam, peace be upon him)

## Jesus (ﷺ) - Peace beupon him) in the Holy Quran

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MISCONCEPTION ➡ *Muslims do not Respect Jesus, son of Mary*

Muslims respect Jesus (ﷺ) - Peace beupon him) and await his Second Coming. They consider him one of the greatest of Allah's messengers to mankind. A Muslim never refers to him simply as 'Jesus', but always adds the phrase 'upon him be peace'. The Qur'an confirms his virgin birth and Mary is considered the purest of woman.

## The Virgin Birth of Jesus (ﷺ)

(Remember the time) when the Angels said: 'O Mary Allah gives you good news of a word from Him, whose name shall be the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary honored in this world and the Hereafter and one of those brought near to Allah. He shall speak to the people from his cradle and in maturity, and shall be of the righteous.'

She said: 'O my Lord How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?' He said: 'Even so; Allah creates what He will. When He decrees a thing He says to it, "Be!" and it is."

(The Qur'an, Surah Ale-Imran 3.45-47)

Jesus (ﷺ) was born miraculously through the same power which had brought the first man and Prophet Adam (ﷺ) into being without a father or woman. **"Truly, the likeness of Jesus with Allah is as the likeness of Adam. He created him of dust and then said to him, 'Be!' and he was."** (The Qur'an, Surah Ale-Imran 3.59)

## The Miracles of Jesus (ﷺ)

During his prophetic mission Jesus (ﷺ) performed many miracles by the permission of Allah. The Quran tells us that he said: **"I have come to you with a sign from your lord: I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it and it becomes a bird by Allah's leave. And I heal the blind, and the lepers, and I raise the dead by Allah's leave."**

(The Qur'an, Surah Ale-Imran 3.49, Part of the Verse)

"Then will Allah say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! recount my favor to you and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened you with the Ruh-ul-Quddus (the Angel Gabriel). You spoke to the people in

childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught you the Book, Wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel. And behold! You make out of clay as it were the figure of a bird by My leave and you breathe into it and it becomes a bird by My leave and you heal those born blind and the lepers by My leave. And behold! You bring forth the dead by My leave. And behold! I did restrain the Children of Israel from you (when they resolved to kill you) when you showed them the Clear Signs, and the unbelievers among them said: 'This is nothing but evident magic'. (The Qur'an, Surah al-Maidah 5:110)

"Then We caused Our messengers to follow in their footsteps; and We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow, and gave him the Gospel and placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him. But monasticism which they invented for themselves, We ordained it not for them. Only seeking Allah's pleasure and they observed it not with right observance. So We give those of them who believe their reward, but many of them are evil-livers. (The Qur'an, Surah al-Hadid 57:27)

### Belief in one God

Neither Muhammad (ﷺ) nor Jesus (عليه السلام) came to change the basic doctrine of the belief in One God, brought by earlier prophets, but to confirm and renew it. In the Qur'an, Jesus (عليه السلام) is reported as saying that he came: "To attest the Torah which was before me, and to make lawful to you some of what was forbidden for you; I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, so fear Allah and obey Me." (The Qur'an, Surah Ale-Imran 3:50)

"And behold! Allah will say "O Jesus the son of Mary! Did you say unto men worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allah"? He will say: 'Glory to You! Never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing You would indeed have known it. You know what is in my heart though I know not what is in Yours. For you know in full all that is hidden. (The Qur'an, Surah al-Maidah 5:116)

"O people of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: nor say of Allah aught but truth. The Messiah Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a Messenger of Allah and His Word (i.e. he was created by the word 'Be!' and he was) which He bestowed on Mary and a spirit from Him: so believe in Allah and His Messengers. Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is Only One God; glory be to him: (for Exalted is He) above

having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs. (The Qur'an, Surah an-Nisa' 4:171)

### Jesus (عليه السلام) was not killed

"That they said (in boast) "we killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary the Messenger of Allah"; but they killed him not nor crucified him but so it was made to appear to them and those who differ therein are full of doubts with no (certain) knowledge but only conjecture to follow for of a surety they killed him not. (The Qur'an, Surah an-Nisa' 4:157)

### General reference of Jesus in the Qur'an

"Said Jesus the son of Mary: "O Allah our lord Send us from heaven a table spread (with food) that there may be for us for the first and the last of us a solemn festival and a sign from You; and provide for our sustenance for You art the best Sustainer (of our needs). (The Qur'an, Surah al-Maidah 5: 114)

"The same religion has He established for you as that which He enjoined on Noah-- and that which We have sent by inspiration to you (O Muhammad)--and that which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses and Jesus: Namely that ye should remain steadfast in Religion and make no divisions therein: to those who worship other things than Allah hard is the (way) to which you call them. Allah chooses to Himself those whom He pleases and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him)." (The Qur'an, Surah Ash-Shura 42:13)

"Say: 'We believe in Allah and in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes and in (Books) given to Moss, Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord; We make no distinction between one and another among them and to Him (Allah) do we bow our will (in Islam).'" (The Qur'an, Surah al-Baqarah 2:136)

"O ye who believe! Be ye helpers of Allah: as said Jesus the son of Mary to the Disciples 'Who will be my helpers to (the work of Allah?)" Said the Disciples "We are Allah's helpers!" Then a portion of the Children of Israel believed and a portion disbelieved: but We gave power to those who believed against their enemies and they became the ones that prevailed. (The Qur'an, Surah as-Saff 61:14)



'And remember We took from the Prophets their Covenant as (We did) from you: from Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus the son of Mary: We took from them a solemn Covenant

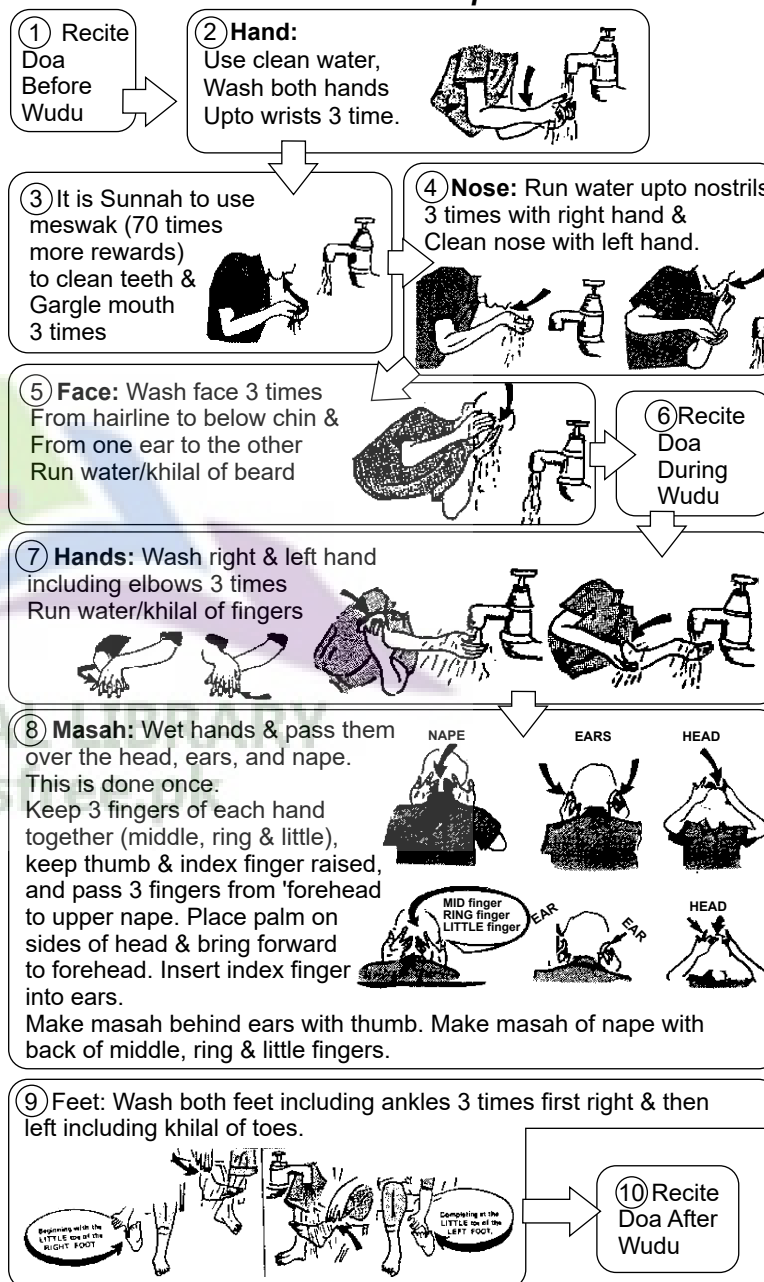
(The Qur'an, Surah al-Ahzab 33:7)

'We gave Moses the Book and followed him up with a succession of Messengers; We gave Jesus the son of Mary clear (Signs) and strengthened him with the ruh-al-quddus (Angel Gabriel) Is it that whenever there comes to you an Messenger with what ye yourselves desire not ye are puffed up with pride? Some ye called impostors and others ye slay! (The Qur'an, Surah al-Baqarah 2: 87)

"We have sent thee inspiration as We sent it to Noah and the Messengers after him; We sent inspiration to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron and Solomon and to David We gave the Psalms.

(The Qur'an, Surah an-Nisa 4:163)

# 10 Wudu Step



#### 4 Fard/Compulsary acts of Wudu (wudu is void if anyone is missed)

1. Wash face from forehead to lower chin & from one ear to the other.
2. Wash both arms including elbows.
3. Masah of quarter of head once.
4. Wash both feet including ankles once.

#### 13 Sunnats of Wudu:

1. Niyat/intention
2. Recite bismillah.
3. Wash hands upto wrists 3 times.
4. Use meswak for teeth.
5. Gargle 3 Times.
6. Run water into nostrils 3 times.
7. Khilal of beard.
8. Khilal of fingers & toes.
9. Wash each part 3 times,
10. Masah whole head once.
11. Masah both ears once.
12. Wudu is done systematically.
13. Wash each part one after another without pause so that no part dries up before wudu is complete.

#### 5 Mustahabs in Wudu (carry extra rewards & no penalty, if left out)

1. Begin from right.
2. Masah of nape.
3. Do not take help from anyone.
4. Face qibla.
5. Sit on high & clean place.

#### 4 Makrohs (wudu is OK but with less rewards)

1. Make wudu in a dirty place.
2. Clean nose with right hand.
3. Talk worldly affairs.
4. Do wudu against Sunnah.

#### Wudu breaks if:

1. Discharge urine stool, anything from private parts.
2. Discharge gas
3. Vomit in mouthful.
4. Fall sleepy lying down or resting body against something.
5. Faint.
6. Become insane or mad.
7. Laugh loud while in Salat.
8. Flow blood or matter from body.

## ISLAMIC MANNERS AND EXPRESSIONS

### 1. Bi-smi-llahi-r-Rahmain-r-Rahim

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

"In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful."

These are the words with which the Holy Qur'an opens. Every affair is begun with these words. The object is to make a man realize that he should seek the help of Allah in all affairs. (We say it before we eat).

### 2. Al-hamdu-li-llah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

"All Praise is due to Allah."

These words are generally spoken when any good comes to one, as a kind of thanksgiving to Allah. Even the sneezer is required to thank Allah in these words when he sneezes.

### 3. Allahu Akbar

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

"Allah is the greatest."

It is known as takbir, and the words are spoken whenever a man has to give expression to his own insignificance or to the insignificance of all creation before Divine grandeur. These words are also frequently used during prayers and congregation prayers.

### 4. Subhana-llah

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

"Glory to Allah." Or "Allah is free from all imperfections."

These words are used when a man has to give expression to the fact that he is not free from imperfections or that he has made an error. They are also used when a man sees another making a mistake (especially in prayer).

### 5. Astaghfiru-llah

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

"I seek the forgiveness of Allah."

This is a prayer to which a man should resort very often, and the words are also used when one sees a thing which he would avoid. It is known as istighfar which means the seeking of Divine protection from the commission of sin as well as from the punishment of sin when it has been committed and the more often a man resorts to

it the farther away he is from the liability of falling in to sin.

**6. La haula wa la quwwata illa billah** لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ  
“There is no strength nor power but in Allah”

These words indicate that a man has neither the strength to turn away from what is evil nor the power to adopt the course of good unless Allah gives him such strength of power, and they are used to give expression to reliance on Allah in all matters.

**7. In sha'a-Ilah** إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ  
“If Allah wills.”

When a man undertakes to do a thing, he uses these words to indicate that though he is fully determined to do it, yet, maybe, it is ordained by Allah otherwise.

**8. Ma sha a-Ilah** مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ  
“It is as Allah has pleased.”

When one feels admiration for a person or a thing, he uses these words as showing that all good comes from Allah.

**9. Hasbiya-Ilah , Hasbu-na Ilah** حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ ، حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ  
“May Allah suffice me.” “May Allah suffice us.”

The words are used to show that it is Allah alone who saves a man from stumbling and from all kinds of errors and afflictions.

**10. Inna li-Ilahi wa inna ilai-hi raji-un** إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ  
“Surely we are Allah's and to him we shall return.”

These are words used when one receives the news of the death of a person or of loss of any kind to himself or to another. The words indicate that loss of life or property to man is only part of a Divine scheme and that he should not indulge too much in the pleasures of this life nor grieve too much when he meets with adversity.

**11. As-salamu 'alaikum** السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ  
“Peace be on you!”

وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

**Wa 'alai-kumu-s-salamu wa rahmatu-Ilahi wa barakatuh**  
“And on you be peace, and the mercy of Allah and his blessings.”

The first is spoken when one Muslim greets his brother, and the second is that in which the greeting is returned.

**12. Jaza-kumu-Ilah khaira** جَزَاكُمُ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا  
“May Allah give you a goodly reward.”

When a Muslim receives a gift from another or when he receives any good, he thanks the bestower of the gift or the doer of good in either of these forms.



## SALAH IN QUR'AN

### 1. Establishing Salah Develops Taqwa (Fear and Awareness of Allah)

"This is the Book in which there is no doubt, a guidance for those who have Taqwa; who believe in the unseen, and who establish Salah, and spend out of what we have provided for them' (2: 2-3)

### 2. Salah Is the Sign of a Believer

"The believers, men and women, are protecting friends of one another; they enjoin good and forbid evil, and they establish Salah, and give Zakah, and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah will have His Mercy on them, and surely, Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.' (9:71)

### 3. Establishing Salah Leads to Allah's Eternal Blessings

"So whatever you have been given is but (a passing) enjoyment for this worldly life, but that which is with Allah is better and more lasting for those who believe and put their trust in their Lord. And those who avoid the great sins and lewdness, and when they are angry, they forgive, And those who answer the Call of their Lord, and perform the Salah, and who conduct their affairs by mutual consultation, and who spend of what We have bestowed on them.' (42:36-38)

### 4. Those Who Pray Shall Have Nothing to Fear on the Day of Judgment

'Truly, those who believe and do righteous deeds, and perform Salah, and give Zakah, they will have their reward with their Lord. On them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.' (2:277)

### 5. Remain in Allah's remembrance after prayer

"When have finished performing the Salah, remember Allah standing, sitting, and reclining, but when you are free from danger, perform the Salah. Surely, Salah is enjoined on the believers at fixed times." (4:103)

### 6. Command to Pray with Congregation

'And establish Salah and give Zakah, and bow down (in worship) along with those who bow down (in worship) (2:43)

### 7. Special Command Regarding Punctuality of Prayer

"Guard strictly the Salah, especially the middle Salah. And

stand before Allah with obedience." (2:238)

### 8. Allah's Help Comes Through Salah

"Seek help through patience and Salah; truly it is extremely difficult except for the humble true believers.' (2:45)

'Oh you who believe! Seek help through patience and Salah. Truly, Allah is with those who are patient." (2:153)

### 9. Special Emphasis on Friday Prayer

"Oh you who believe! 'When the call's made for the Salah on Friday, come to the remembrance of Allah, and leave off Business. That is better for you, if you only knew! And when the Salah has ended, you may disperse through the land, and seek the Bounty of Allah, and remember Allah much so that you may be successful.'

### 10. Shaytaan Tries His Best in Finding Ways to Take You Away from Salah

"shaytaan desires only to excite enmity and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling, and hinder you from the remembrance of Allah, and from Salah. So will you then not abstain (from these evils)?" (5:91)

### 11. Prayer Protects Against Evils

"Recite that which has been revealed to you of the Book, and perform Salah" Verily, Salah prevents from lewdness and evils. And indeed, the remembrance of Allah (by you) is greatest And Allah knows what you do." (29:45)

### 12. Friendship Should Be with Those Who Pray

"Indeed, your protecting friend (Wali) is none other than Allah, His Messenger, and the Believers who establish Salah, and give Zakat, and bow down (in prayer). (5: 55)

### 13. Allah's Special Order to Women

"And stay in your houses, and do not display yourselves like that of the times of ignorance, and perform Salah, and give Zakah, and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah wishes only to remove uncleanness from you, Oh people of the House, and to purify you with a thorough purification." (33:33)

### 14. Hypocrites Are Lazy in Salah

"Verily, the hypocrites seek to deceive Allah, but it is He who

deceives them; When they stand up for Salah, they stand with laziness, only to be seen by men; and they do not remember Allah but a little." (4:142)

**15. Laziness in Prayers Leads to Rejection of Sadaqa**

"And nothing prevents their Sadaqa from being accepted from them, except that they disbelieve in Allah and in His Messenger, and then they do not come to Salah except in a lazy manner, and that they do not give Sadaqa except unwillingly." (9:54)

**16. Leaving Salah Leads to Shirk**

"(And remain always) turning to Him (only), and be fearful and dutiful towards perform Salah and be not of those who commit Shirk." (30:31)

**17. Previous Nations Were Corrupted when Salah Was Left**

"Then, there came after them a generation who gave up Salah and followed lusts; so they will be thrown in Hell." (19:59)

**Virtues of Prayers (Salat) \***

**Hadith – 1**

Abu Zar RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that once the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam came out of his house. It was autumn and the leaves were falling off the trees. He caught a branch of a tree and its leaves began to drop in large number. At this he remarked, 'O, Abu Zar! When a Muslim offers his salat to please Allah, his sins are shed away from him just as these leaves are falling off this tree. (Ahmad)

**Hadith – 2a**

Abu Huraira RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that once the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam asked his companions, 'Do you think that dirt can remain on a person bathing 5 times a day in a brook running in front of his door?' 'No', replied the companions, 'No dirt can remain on his body.' The Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam remarked: 'So, exactly similar is the effect of salat offered 5 times a day. With the Grace of Allah, it washes away all the sins'. (Bukhari, Muslim)

**Hadith – 2b**

Jabir RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that he heard the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam saying: The likeness of 5 times daily salat is as the likeness of a deep brook running in front of the door of a person who bathes therein 5 times a day. (Muslim)

**Hadith – 3**

Huzaifa RadiyAllahu `anhu says that, whenever the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam happened to face any difficulty, he would at once resort to salat. (Ahmad, Abu Dawud)

**Hadith – 4**

Abu Qatada bin Rabiyy RadiyAllahu `anhu says he heard the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam saying, "Allah has said, "(O, Muhammad!) I have ordained 5 times daily salat for your followers. I have made a covenant with Myself that whoever is regular in performing his salat at its fixed hour, he shall be admitted into Paradise. Those of your followers, who do not guard their salat, are not included in this covenant." (Abu Dawud, Ibn Maja)

## Hadith - 5

Ibn Salman RadiyAllahu `anhu says that he heard one of the companions of the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam narrating, "When we had won the battle of Khaibar, we began to buy and sell among ourselves the booty that had fallen to our lot. One of us went to Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam and said, 'O, Prophet of Allah, no one else has earned so much profit as I have obtained in today's trade.' How much did you earn? Asked the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam. He replied, 'I kept on selling and buying till I earned a net profit of 300 Oqiya of silver.' The Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said, "Shall I inform you of something better than that?" He exclaimed, 'Do tell me, O, Prophet of Allah!' The Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam remarked 'Two rakats nafl after (Fard) salat.(Abu Dawud)

## Hadith – 6

Ammar bin Yasir RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that he heard the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam saying: "When a person finishes his salat, he gets 1/10th, 1/9th, 1/8th, 1/7th, 1/6th, 1/5th, 1/4th, 1/3rd or ½ of the maximum reward (according to the quality of salat performed by him). (Abu Dawud, Nasai)

## Hadith – 7

Abu Huraira RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates, "We heard the Prophet Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam saying, 'The first deed of a person to be reckoned for on the Day of Judgment will be his salat. A person will succeed and attain his goal if his salat is accepted. He will fail and lose badly if it is rejected. If any deficiency is found in his Fard salat, Allah will say (to the angels): "Look for any Nafl salat in his account". Then the deficiency in his Fard salat will be made good by Nafl salat. The rest of the religious practices (viz. Fast, Zakat etc.) will then be reckoned for in the same manner."

\* The English translation describes the meaning of the Hadith. The scholarly reader is requested to refer to the original Arabic text in the books of Hadith referenced above.

## DU'AAS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

At the Time of Thunderclap اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَقْتُلْنَا بِغَضَبِكَ وَلَا تَهْلِكْنَا بِعَذَابِكَ وَ عَافَا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ O Allah, do not destroy us with Your wrath or punishment. Do forgive us before this happens.	When Leaving Home بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ (I leave) with Allah's name. I rely on Allah. There is no power to do good or abstain from evil except with Allah's help.	When Wearing a New Garment اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِهِ وَ خَيْرِ مَا هُوَ لَهُ وَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَ شَرِّ مَا هُوَ لَهُ O Allah, I ask You the good of this garment and the good for which it is made, and I beg You to save me from the evils of this garment and the evil purpose which it might be made	When Beginning any Work بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
When there is Excessive Rain اللَّهُمَّ حَوِّلْنَا وَالا عَلَيْنَا اللَّهُمَّ عَلَى الْآكَامِ وَ لَا جَامِ وَ الْغُرَابِ وَ الْأَوْدِيَةِ وَ مَنَابِتِ الشَّجَرِ O Allah, send rain in the outskirts, not upon us. O Allah, make it rain upon the hills, in the woods, on mountains, in the valleys and forests.	When Sustaining a Loss الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ Praise be to Allah under all conditions	When Wearing Clothes الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي كَسَانِي مَا أُرَارِي بِهِ عَوْرَتِي وَ أَتَجَمَّلُ بِهِ فِي حَيَاتِي Praise be to Allah who clothed me with what I cover my shame and adorn myself during my life	Before Going to Sleep اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ أَمُوتُ وَ أَحْيِي O Allah, with Your name do I live and die.
When Becoming Angry أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ I beg Allah's protection from the accursed devil	When a Fire Breaks out اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ God is the Greatest, God is the Greatest, God is the Greatest.	Morning and Evening Du'a اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَصْبَحْنَا وَ بِكَ أَمْسَيْنَا وَ بِكَ نَحْيِي وَ بِكَ نَمُوتُ وَ إِلَيْكَ النُّشُورُ O Allah, with Your help do I start this day and with Your help do I start this evening and with Your help do I die and to You is our raising	On Awakening الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَ إِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ Praise be to Allah who gave us life after giving us death and to Him is our raising up (on the Last Day)
When in Financial Difficulty اللَّهُمَّ اكْفِنِي بِحَلَالِكَ عَنْ حَرَامِكَ وَ اغْنِنِي بِفَضْلِكَ عَنْ مِمَّنْ سِوَاكَ O Allah, provide me lawful livelihood, adequate to my needs instead of all ill-gotten one, and grant me freedom from needing anything from anyone besides yourself.	When an Evil Thought Comes to Mind أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ I beg Allah's protection from the accursed devil. I believe in Allah and His messenger.	On Hearing Good News الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ All praise be to Allah. Just as Allah willed	Before Entering Toilet with Left Foot اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخَيْثِ وَ الْخِيَانَتِ O Allah, I seek Your protection from the evil satans, the male and the female



<p>When entering the Market Place</p> <p>لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له. له الملك وله الحمد يحيي ويميت وهو حي لا يموت بيده الخير وهو على كل شيء قدير</p> <p>There is none worthy of worship besides Allah. He is One. He has no partners. His is the kingdom and for Him is all praise. He gives life and death. He is Ever-living and never dies. In His power is all good. And he has power over all things.</p>	<p>When Seeing Someone in Distress (say softly)</p> <p>الحمد لله الذي عافاني مما ابتلاك به وفضلني على كثير ممن خلق تفضيلا</p> <p>All praise is due to Allah who granted me safety from what He has afflicted you with and He has conferred on me special favors above a great part of His creation</p>	<p>When Greeting a Muslim</p> <p>السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته</p> <p>Peace be on you and Allah's mercy and His blessings</p>	<p>After Leaving the Toilet with Right Foot</p> <p>غفرانك. الحمد لله الذي أذهب عني أذى و عافاني</p> <p>I seek Your pardon. Praise be to Allah who removed from me the discomfort and gave me relief.</p>
<p>For Increase in Knowledge</p> <p>رب زدني علما</p> <p>My Lord, increase me in knowledge</p>	<p>At the Time of Sunset</p> <p>اللهم هذا إقبال ليلك وإدبار نهارك وأصوات دعائك فاعف لي</p> <p>O Allah this is the approaching of Your night and the disappearing of Your day and the sounds of those who pray to You. So do forgive me</p>	<p>Reply to the Greeting</p> <p>وعليكم السلام ورحمة الله وبركاته</p> <p>And peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and His blessings</p>	<p>Before Having a Meal</p> <p>بسم الله وعلى بركة الله</p> <p>In the name of Allah and upon the blessings of Allah.</p>
<p>At the Time of Death</p> <p>لا اله الا الله ، محمد رسول الله . اللهم أعني على غمرات الموت وسكرات الموت</p> <p>There is none worthy of worship besides Allah. Muhammad (S) is His messenger. O Allah, help me to overcome the agonies and difficulties of death.</p>	<p>When Leaving a Meeting Place</p> <p>سبحانك اللهم وبحمدك . سبحانك اللهم وبحمدك أشهد أن لا إله إلا أنت أستغفرک وأتوب إليك</p> <p>Glory be to Allah with His praises. Glory be to You. O Allah, with Your praises, I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship besides You. I beg Your forgiveness and I repent to You.</p>	<p>Expressing Love to a Muslim</p> <p>إني أحبك بالله</p> <p>I love you for the pleasure of Allah</p>	<p>After Having Had a Meal</p> <p>الحمد لله الذي أطعمنا وسقانا وجعلنا من المسلمين</p> <p>Praise be to Allah who gave us food and drink and made from among the Muslims</p>

<p>When a Dog Barks</p> <p>أعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم</p> <p>I beg Allah's protection from the accursed devil</p>	<p>When Beginning a Journey</p> <p>اللهم هون علينا سفرنا هذا واطو عنا بعده اللهم أنت صاحب في السفر. والخليفة في الأهل اللهم اني أعوذ بك من وعاء السفر وكآبة المنظر وسوء المنقلب في المال والأهل والولد</p> <p>O Allah, make easy for us this journey and shorten for us its destination. O Allah, You are my companion on this journey and the protector of my family. O Allah, I seek Your protection against the hardship of this journey, against a bad spectacle and against making a bad return to my belongings, wife and children</p>	<p>Responding to the Love</p> <p>أحبك الذي أحبتني له</p> <p>May He love you for the sake you love me</p>	<p>When Eating Elsewhere</p> <p>اللهم بارك لهم فيما رزقته و اغفر لهم وارحمهم</p> <p>O Allah, Bless them in what You have provided them with and forgive them and have mercy upon the.</p>
<p>When Bidding Someone Farewell</p> <p>أستودع الله دينك وأمانتك وخواتيم عملك</p> <p>I entrust to Allah your Deen and your belongings and the final outcome of Your deeds.</p>	<p>When Boarding a Car</p> <p>الحمد لله سبحانه الذي سخر لنا هذا وما كنا له مقرنين وإنا إلى ربنا لمنقلبون</p> <p>Praise be to Allah. Glory be to Allah who has put this (vehicle) under our control though we were unable to control it. Surely, to our Sustainer are we to return.</p>	<p>When Seeing a Muslim Cheerful</p> <p>أضحك الله سنك</p> <p>May Allah always keep you cheerful</p>	<p>After Drinking Milk</p> <p>اللهم بارك لنا فيه وزدنا منه</p> <p>O Allah, grant us blessing and abundance in the Milk.</p>
<p>When Looking into the Mirror</p> <p>اللهم أنت أحسن خلقي فأحسن خلقتي</p> <p>O Allah, You have beautified my body, so do beautify my character.</p>	<p>When Boarding a Car</p> <p>الحمد لله سبحانه الذي سخر لنا هذا وما كنا له مقرنين وإنا إلى ربنا لمنقلبون</p> <p>Praise be to Allah. Glory be to Allah who has put this (vehicle) under our control though we were unable to control it. Surely, to our Sustainer are we to return.</p>	<p>When Thanking Someone</p> <p>جزاك الله خيرا</p> <p>May Allah reward you well</p>	<p>When Breaking Fast</p> <p>اللهم لك صمت وبك امنت وعلى رزقك افطرت</p> <p>O Allah, I have fasted for You and in You I believed and with Your provision do I break my fast</p>
<p>When Looking at the Moon</p> <p>أعوذ بالله من شر هذا الغاسق</p> <p>I seek Allah's protection from the evil of this darkening moon</p>	<p>When Returning from a Journey</p> <p>آبئون تآبون عابدون لرنا حامدون</p> <p>We are returning, we are repenting, we pray (to Allah), we praise our sustainer</p>	<p>When Visiting a the Sick</p> <p>لا بأس طهور إن شاء الله لا بأس طهور إن شاء الله لا بأس طهور إن شاء الله اللهم اشفه اللهم عافه</p> <p>Do not despair. It is cleansing from sins if Allah wills (three times). O Allah, grant him cure and peace.</p>	<p>When Sneezing</p> <p>الحمد لله</p> <p>All praise be to Allah</p>

When in Difficulty حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل و على الله توكلنا Allah suffices us and He is the Best Helper. And upon Allah do we rely	At the Time of Distress حسبي الله ونعم الوكيل Allah suffices me and He is the Best Helper	When Having Fever بسم الله الكبير أعوذ بالله العظيم من شر كل عرق نعار و من شر حر النار With the name of Allah, the Great, I seek protection in Allah, the Magnificent, from every spurting vein and from the evil of the heart of the Fire	The Listener's Reply يرحمك الله May Allah have mercy on you
After Drinking Water الحمد لله الذي سقانا عذبا فراثا برحمته ولم يجعله ملحا أجابا بذنوبنا Praise be to Allah who gave us sweet water to drink by His mercy and did not make it bitter due to our wrong doings	At the Time of Drought اللهم أسقنا. اللهم أغثنا O Allah, quench us. O Allah, send us rain	When Intending to do Something إن شاء الله If Allah wishe	The Sneezer's Response يهديكم الله May Allah guide you
When a Desire is fulfilled الحمد لله الذي بنعمة تتم الصالحات Praise be to Allah through whose mercy (and favours) all good things are accomplished	When it Rains اللهم صبنا نافعا O Allah, do send us. O Allah, send us rain	When Entering Home اللهم اني استلک خير المولج و خير المخرج بسم الله ولجنا و بسم الله خرجنا و على الله ربنا توكلنا O Allah, I beg of You the blessing of entering this home and leaving it. With Allah's name we enter and with His name we leave. And on Allah, our sustainer, do we rely	When a Loss Occurs إنا لله و إنا إليه راجعون Surely we belong to Allah, and to Him we return

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## PRAYER TO EASE DIFFICULTIES

(Please recite these in a low voice, do not disturb others by reading loud)

Recite Salawat (sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
 MUHAMMADI(N)'W WA ALA AALI  
 MUHAMMADIN KAMA SALLYTA ALA  
 IBRAHEEMA WA ALA AALI IBRAHEEMA  
 INNAKA HAMEEDUM MAJEED  
 كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى  
 آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ  
 MUHAMMADI(N)'W WA ALA AALI  
 MUHAMMADIN KAMA BARAKTA ALA  
 IBRAHEEMA WA ALA AALI IBRAHEEMA  
 INNAKA HAMEEDUM MAJEED  
 عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
 إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

Translation: Allah, send Your mercy on Muhammad and his posterity as You sent Your mercy on Abraham and his posterity. You are the Most Praised, the Most Glorious. Allah, send Your Blessings on Muhammad and his posterity as You sent Your blessings on Abraham and his posterity. You are the Most Praised, the Most Glorious.

Recite the following verse (supplication of Prophet Yunus عليه السلام)

لا إله إلا أنت سبحانك انى كنت من الظالمين (الانباء ٨٧)

**LA ILAHA ILLA ANTA SUBHANAKA INNI KUNTU MINAZ ZALIMEEN**

Translation: "None has the right to be worshipped but You (O Allah)), Glorified (and Exalted) are You (above all that (evil) they associate with You). Truly, I have been of the wrong-doers."

Recite the following prayer

حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل نعم المولى ونعم النصير

**HASBUNALLAHU WA NEMAL WAKEEL, NEMAL MAULA WA NEMAN NASEER**

Translation: "Allah (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us); what an Excellent Maula (Patron, Lord) and what an Excellent Helper! "

Recite the following

لا حول ولا قوة الا بالله العلي العظيم

**LA HAULA WA LA QUWATA ILLA BILLAHIL ALIEL AZEEM**

Translation: "There is no strength (to refrain from sins but with the protection from Allah) and there is no power (to accomplish good deeds) but with the help of Allah, the High, the Supreme"

Recite **Salawat** (sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ).

Note: Read the same Salawat as above. You may recite the Salawat and the supplications given above many times.

## Virtues of reciting the Qur'an \*

**Hadith – 1:** Usman RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said: "The best amongst you is he who learns the Qur'an and teaches it." (Bukhari, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi)

**Hadith – 2:** Abu Sa'eed RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said: "Almighty Allah says; "If anybody finds no time for My remembrance and for begging favors of Me, because of his remaining busy with the Qur'an, I shall give him more than what I give to all those who beg favors of Me. The superiority of the Word of Allah over all other words is like the superiority of Allah over the entire creation." (Tirmidhi, Bayhaqi)

**Hadith – 3:** Uqba ibn Amir RadiyAllahu `anhu said: "Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam came to us while we were sitting on the Suffa and asked if anyone of us would like to go to the market of Buthan or Aqeeq and fetch from there 2 she camels of the finest breed without committing any sin or severing a tie of kinship. We replied that every one of us would love to do so. Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam then said that going to the Masjid and reciting or teaching 2 ayaat (verses) of the Qur'an is more precious than 2 she-camels, 3 ayaat are more precious than 3 she-camels, and that similarly reciting or teaching of 4 ayaat is better than 4 she-camels and an equal number of camels." (Muslim, Abu Dawud)

**Hadith – 4:** Aa'isha (Radiallaho anha) narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam once said, "One who is well versed in the Qur'an will be in the company of those angels who are scribes, noble and righteous; and one who falters in reading the Qur'an, and has to exert hard for learning, gets double the reward." (Muslim)

**Hadith – 5:** Abdullah ibn Amr RadiyAllahu `anhu reports that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said: "On the Day of Judgment, it will be said to the Man devoted to the Qur'an, 'Go on reciting the Qur'an and continue ascending the stories of Paradise and recite in the slow manner as you had been reading in worldly life; your final place will be where you reach at the time of the last ayaat of your recitation.'" (Ahmad, Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud)

**Hadith – 6:** Ibn Mas'ood RadiyAllahu `anhu narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said, "Whoever reads one letter of the Book of Allah is credited with one blessing and one blessing is equal to tenfold the like thereof in its reward. I do not say that (Alif

Lam Meem) is one letter, but (Alif) is one letter, (Lam) is one letter, and (Meem) is one letter." (Tirmidhi)

**Hadith – 7:** Mu'az Juhani RadiyAllahu `anhu reports that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said, "Whoever reads the Qur'an and acts upon what is contained in it, his parents will be made to wear a crown on the Day of Judgment, the brightness of which will excel that of the sun, if the same were within your worldly houses. So, what do you think about the person who himself acts upon it?" (Ahmad, Abu Dawud)

**Hadith – 8:** Ali RadiyAllahu `anhu says that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said, "Whoever reads Qur'an and learns it by heart, and regards what it makes lawful as lawful and its unlawful as forbidden, will be admitted into Paradise by Almighty Allah Who will also accept his intercession in respect of 10 such persons of his family who shall have been doomed to Hell." (Ahmad, Tirmidhi)

**Hadith – 9:** Abu Huraira RadiyAllahu `anhu narrated that Rasulullah Sallallahu `alaihi wasallam said, "Learn the Qur'an and recite it, because the example of one who learns the Qur'an, reads it and recites it in Tahajjud is like an open bag full of musk, the fragrance spreads over the entire place, and a person who has learnt the Qur'an but sleeps while the Qur'an is in his heart, is like a bag full of musk but with its mouth closed." (Tirmidhi, Nasai, Ibn Maja, Ibn Hibban)

\* The English translation describes the meaning of the Hadith. The scholarly reader is requested to refer to the original Arabic text in the books of Hadith referenced above.

## Etiquette for handling the Holy Qur'an

1. Before reading say "I seek refuge in ALLAH (God) from Satan the rejected".
2. Before reading say "In The Name of ALLAH The Most Gracious Most Merciful".
3. Before reading, be physically clean, also take shower or bath after marital relations.
4. Ask ALLAH (God) to guide you to the truth.
5. Read to gain understanding.
6. Keep the Qur'an out of the toilet/bathroom.
7. Keep the Qur'an off the floor and away from unclean places.
8. Keep the Qur'an away from small children i.e. as a toy.
9. Ask question of the Muslims who understand the Qur'an or who themselves can ask those who understand the meaning of the Qur'an.
10. If you don't need your copy please return to nearby Islamic center (do not throw in garbage or recycle).